

THE ORIGIN OF HALLOWE'EN—THE PART MARTIN LUTHER PLAYED.

"In the minds of most people the date of October 31st is associated with a night of fun and childish pranks," this morning mused Rev. R. L. Patterson, "November 1st was celebrated as the festival of All Saints. Almost all the other days of the year were commemorative of individual great saints; November 1st was given to all the saints, so that none would be overlooked."

"Connected with All Saints' Day was the belief that during the night before the departed saints returned to earth and visited their old haunts. In the morning there would be various signs of their visit. Bye and bye the young people regarded the notion about their visit of the saints as superstition, and turned the night into a frolic. The playing of pranks was in mockery of the supposed activity of the 'spirits.' The night of October 31st is called 'Hallowe'en' or more properly 'All Hallowe'en,' because it is the eve of All Saints' Day. It is not, therefore, proper to say 'Hallowe'en night.'"

"But there was one prank played on October 31, in the year 1517, A. D., that turned out seriously. It was the greatest prank ever played. From it has flowed the most momentous consequences to the hu-

man race.

"The night of October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a monk of Wittenberg, Germany, knowing that a large congregation would gather next morning to celebrate All Saints' Day in the castle church of that town, took a hammer and some nails and tacked on the church door, where everybody could read it a now famous document. That document was the 'ninety-five Theses'—a series of statements against the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church of that day. He invited anybody to debate the issues with him. Nobody took him up at the time, but the news of his challenge spread like wild fire and soon all Europe was in a ferment."

"From that night the Protestant reformation was launched, and the intellectual, political and religious upheaval in the world's history took its rise. October 31st is the birthday anniversary of the modern world. It marks the beginning of the intellectual, political and religious emancipation of humanity. That night the shackles were struck, not only from the hands and hearts and heads of millions then living, but of generations yet unborn. The progress of liberty in all its phases dates from the Hallowe'en prank of Martin Luther."



"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

Matthew 26:17-30—November 6

THESE studies are selected for us in advance. Otherwise our preference would have been to consider the incident connected with our Lord's closing of earth life in the Spring of the year about the season at which that occurred. But Truth is always precious to us and has always profitable lessons.

Jesus was a Jew and was, therefore, obligated to every feature of the Mosaic Law. He came not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. Today's study points us to the fulfillment of one feature of the Law—the Passover; not that it is already entirely fulfilled, but that the antitype has for more than eighteen centuries been in process of fulfillment and the complete fulfillment, sure to come, is, we believe, near at hand. To appreciate this study we must have clearly in mind the type:

Approximately 3,500 years ago God delivered the people of Israel from the despotic power of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Time after time Pharaoh had refused to let the people go, preferring to hold them as chattels, slaves. Time after time God had sent plagues upon Egypt as chastisements. Under the influence of each plague Pharaoh repented and through Moses entreated God for mercy upon himself, and for the people relief from the plague. Nevertheless, every manifestation of Divine mercy tended only to harden his heart until finally the tenth plague, the severest of all, was necessary. That plague consisted in the execution of the death sentence against all the first-born of Egypt. But the Israelites in Egypt were exempt from its provisions under certain conditions. Each family was required to have its own lamb, not a bone of which was to be broken. Its blood was sprinkled upon the doorposts of the house and the family, assembled within, partook of its flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, pilgrim-like, with staff in hand, ready for departure out of Egypt in the morning.

Israel's First-born Passed Over

When that night the Divine sentence slew all of Egypt's first-born, the first-born of Israel were passed over or spared; hence the name—Pass-over. And this ceremony, as a reminder of the great blessing of the Lord upon Israel, was commanded to be observed yearly as a memorial of God's goodness and because it typed, or illustrated, a still greater mercy and blessing yet to come.

A little later on those spared first-born were exchanged for one of the tribes—Levi. Thereafter the Levites were the passed-over first-born and were specially devoted to God and his service.

The Antitypical Fulfillment

Those experiences of the Israelites and their first-born ones were very real and properly very interesting to them; but they are still more interesting to Christians, who themselves are antitypes now being passed over. By Christians we do not mean all who merely make profession, nor all who attend Church, however regularly. We mean merely the salutary few who are now being called and being tested as to faithfulness to the Lord and by faith being passed over—from death unto life. These are Scripturally styled, "The Church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven" (Hebrews xii, 23). As the deliverance of the nation of Israel from Egypt took place after the sparing or passing over of the first-born, so, correspondingly, the Divine blessing will come upon the world of mankind directly after the completion of "the Church of the first-born"—directly after their passing from death unto life, by the power of the First Resurrection. If there is a first-born class it implies that there will be an after-born class. Thus the Scriptures everywhere distinctly teach that the present call, trial, testing, proving and final

rewarding of the Church will not be the end of Divine mercy toward humanity, but, on the contrary, will be only its beginning; for since the saints are spoken of as the "Church of the first-born," or as the Apostle declares, "the first-fruits unto God of his creatures," we are assured thereby that after-fruits are equally part of the Divine Program.

Amongst the Levites were several divisions representing different ranks and grades of the Church of Christ. But the principle division or section of the Levites was the priestly family of Aaron, just as there is a special class amongst the antitypical Levites, the faithful few, known in the Scriptures as the Royal Priesthood.

The Antitypical Lamb and His Blood

In Jesus' day the time had come for the fulfillment of the antitype of the Passover. Jesus himself was to be the Passover Lamb. By faith the merit of his sacrifice, his blood, was to be sprinkled upon the doorposts of his people's hearts, and his flesh, the merit of his earthly perfection, was to be eaten or appropriated by them in their minds. With it they were to eat the unleavened bread of the Divine promises and the bitter herbs of trials and adversities, and withal they were to drink wine, the blood of the grape, symbolically implying their participation with the Lamb in his ignominy and sufferings.

The Lamb of God, Jesus, the antitypical Passover Lamb, was slain nearly nineteen centuries ago on the exact anniversary of the killing of the typical lambs. The sacrifice of Jesus needs

my body. And he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them; and they all drank of it. And he said, "Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God"—until his second coming in power and great glory to receive the Church as his elect Bride and Joint-Heir in his Kingdom and to shower blessings richly upon Israel and through Israel upon all mankind.

Judas, the Selfish Betrayer

The hour for the betrayal was drawing near. The Master knew by some power unknown to us who would betray him, etc. Breaking the matter to the twelve, he said, "One of you will betray me." Each asked, "Is it I?" Even Judas brazenly challenged the Master's knowledge of his deceitful course and said, "Is it I?" The answer was, "It is as you have said—you are the betrayer. The Divine programme was carried out by the traitor, and the Scriptures were fulfilled which declare that he should be sold for thirty pieces of silver; but the coincidence marks the Divine foreknowledge without implying that God in any manner instigated the traitorous conduct, hence the statement, "Woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!" From this standpoint we are to understand that there is no hope for Judas in a future life. His sorrow and anguish before his death were such as found no compensation in any happiness he had enjoyed in previous days.

In My Father's Kingdom

In giving the disciples the bread, which represented his flesh, and the cup, which represented his blood, the Master pictorially offered them justification and sanctification, and, as St. Paul explained, he did more than this—he offered them a participation with

himself in the sufferings of the present and in the glories of the future (1 Corinthians x, 16, 17; Matthew xxvi, 29). The antitype of the cup in its higher sense will be the new joys of the Kingdom which all the faithful in Christ will share with the great King of glory, when he shall take unto himself his great power and reign.

Next stop, election day—Tuesday.

KING EMMANUEL VISITS DEATH SCENE OF 189 SOULS

Naples, Oct. 28.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived here unannounced today. His coming was not wholly unexpected, however.

He was accompanied by his first aide, General Brusati; Admiral Garelli and Count Mattiolo-Pasinualini, minister of the royal household.

The authorities were able to make a more definite estimate of the fatalities caused by the cyclone, tidal wave and eruptions of Mount Vesuvius and Mount Epomeo.

Known deaths are: Cetara 80; Vecete 31; Majori 20; Casamicola, Island Ischia 12, Amalfi 10; Resina 7; Madonna Grazie 19; Minori 4; Taccoarena 3; Montecorvina 2; Terre del Greco 1. Total 189.

Thousands are homeless and the most serious problem now is to provide these with shelter. The movement of supplies is difficult because in many places the roads have been washed out. Most of the towns requiring aid can be approached from the sea.

Admiral Leonardi, minister of marine, had a narrow escape from death on the Island of Ischia today. In attempting to get a close view of the effect of the eruption from Mount Epomeo he approached too close to the bed of the volcanic stream and sank to his waist in mud. His plight was discovered by soldiers who rescued him.

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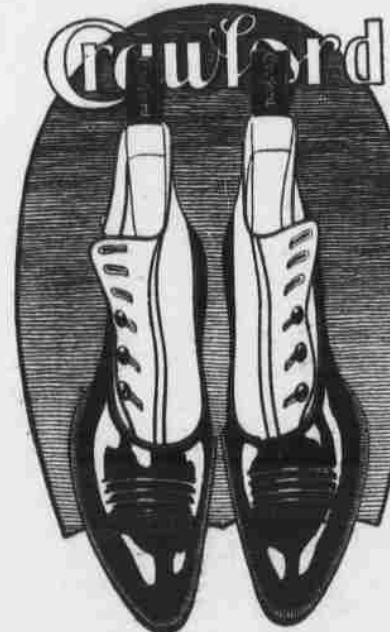
not to be repeated, for by faith we all sprinkle this same blood today, and in our hearts feed upon the merit of the same earthly sacrifice, and have plenty of bitter herbs of persecution and drink of the blood—share the Master's spirit and its reward of suffering for righteousness' sake.

Not many have appreciated these privileges during all these nineteen centuries—in all but a "little flock." Nor are there many who envy them their present experiences; nor are there many who appreciate how great will be their reward and blessing in the life to come. Then, instead of suffering with Christ, they shall reign with him in glory, honor and immortality.

"This Do in Remembrance of Me"

Jesus, about to begin the fulfillment of this type by dying as the antitypical Passover Lamb (Christ our Passover is slain for us—1 Corinthians v, 7), instituted for his followers an annual remembrance which, in their minds, would take the place of the type and continually remind them of the great Antitype. Instead of the literal flesh of the lamb, the Master used bread, and instead of the blood, the fruit of the vine, and instead of a further commemoration of the type, he directed that this be done in remembrance of the antitype—"the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," and the passover coming to the Church of the first-born, as precedent to the great blessings to result for Israel and all the families of the earth.

Our Lord as a Jew was obligated to keep the typical passover, eating of the literal lamb, etc., first; but subsequently, after that passover supper, he instituted with the bread and the fruit of the vine his substitutionary memorial of himself, saying, "Take, eat; this is



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